

Laragh Parish Newsletter



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19th January 2020 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Look, there is the Lamb of God

Just before the fall of the Soviet Union an under-18 international soccer tournament was held in Russia and among the competitors was a team from the Republic of Ireland. The first Sunday they were there the Irish coach decided to bring all the players to Mass, or Divine Liturgy as it is known in the Orthodox Church. Afterwards the coach told Irish reporters that it was the most magnificent religious ceremony he had ever attended but that, apart from his team, the only people present were 'little old ladies dressed in black'. Around the same time, an American visitor used almost the identical phrase in a conversation with a friend of his as proof that religion in the USSR was 'irrelevant'. The friend, William Willimon, a professor of theology in Duke Divinity School, later wrote: 'I hope my friend would now say, "Thank God for the little old ladies", because their prayers and witness helped to bring about the collapse of communism in Russia.'

Even when things look hopeless, we must never tire of pointing, 'Look, there is the Lamb of God'.

10. Laragh United GFC:

- **Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Numbers were 2, 8, 13, 14. €30 winners were Catherine Rudden, Aodhagan Smith, Gary Conaty, Dolores McBreen, Patricia O' Reilly. Next week's jackpot €13,800.
- **Light Up Laragh:** As part of Operation Transformation, Laragh United are lighting up PJ Duke Park on Thursday evenings from 7pm – 9pm. Everyone welcome to come along to walk, jog or run.

11. Cavan Calling 2020 Information Evening: Cavan Calling is a global Cavan Homecoming taking place in August 2020 where the many people and groups worldwide with an affinity for the county will be invited to Cavan for a celebration of our shared heritage. Cavan County Council would like to invite interested members of Cavan communities to attend an information evening on the festival and on how they may access grants to support the running of Cavan Calling events across the county. The information event will take place in the Hotel Kilmore on Thursday 23rd January 2020 at 8.00pm and all are welcome to attend.

12. Stress Control Classes: Help control your stress with these free classes. No pre-registration required. All are welcome. For more information check out <https://stresscontrol.org/course>

Cavan Library, Cavan Town on Wednesday 29th January 10.30am – 12noon

Pastoral Centre, Cavan on Thursday 30th January 7pm – 8.30pm

Bailieborough Courthouse, on Tuesday 4th February 7pm – 8.30pm

13. Vacancy for Diocesan Director of Pastoral Services: The Diocese of Kilmore is recruiting for the position of Diocesan Director of Pastoral Services. The main duties will include:

- The organising and facilitating of adult religious faith formation programmes.
- Supporting parish pastoral councils, pastoral area councils and the diocesan pastoral council.
- Providing formation training for specific lay ministries in the diocese.
- Promoting the achievement of the current and any future diocesan pastoral plan.

For more information and application details see www.kilmorediocese.ie

Closing date for receipt of applications is **Friday 31st January 2020.**

Your prayers are requested for the soul of the late:

- **Dominic (Donny) Martin, Ennis and late of Carrickaboy**, whose funeral took place in Ennis on Wednesday. We extend our sympathy to his sister Margaret Donnelly and family, Kilnacreeva.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH LARAGH

Masses this week:

Sun 19 th Jan	11.00 am	Dec mbrs of Laragh Variety Show
Fri 24 th	7.45 pm	John King, Tunnyconnolly A/V
Sun 26 th	11.00 am	Jim Reilly, Lisatoo A/V

Eucharistic Adoration: On Tuesday from 5pm – 7.45pm

Servers for Next Week

Sunday 26th January: Kayla G, Paul, Kathlyn, Michelle, Leah, Fiona

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH CARRICKALLEN

Masses this week:

Sat 18 th Jan	7.30 pm	Noel Smith, Artina A/V
Sat 25 th	7.30 pm	Helen & Pat McCabe, Carrickacromin A/V

Candles for Home & Church Use: Will be blessed on February 1st.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CLIFFERNA

Masses this week:

Sun 19 th Jan	9.30 am	PJ Duffy, Cliffferna A/V
Fri 24 th	7.00 pm	Peter & Bridget Donnelly & Dec family mbrs, Cliffferna
Sun 26 th	9.30 am	Eddie & Rose Farrelly, Tierlahood A/V

Eucharistic Adoration: Will resume in February

GENERAL NOTICES

- 1. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** 18th – 25th January
- 2. Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Fr Liam Kelly:** 29th May – 3rd June. For details of the Official Sick/Assisted section of the pilgrimage, please contact Fr Tom Mannion on 071 9643014 or 087 9170879, email cavanparish@gmail.com. For inquiries and bookings please contact Cavan Travel Ltd, Main Street, Cavan 049 4361222 or Virginia Travel, Main Street, Virginia 049 8548544.
- 3. Pope John Paul II Awards:** Congratulations to students from our parish who received awards at the ceremony on Thursday; Katie Cooney, Carrickacromin and Aoife Clarke, Albaugh received a Gold Award and Caoimhe and Bronagh Rudden, Drumole, received won a Silver Award.
- 4. St Paul – His Life and Work:** Fr Eamon Bredin will facilitate a course on “St Paul – His Life and Work”, in the Kilmore Pastoral Centre, Cavan on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm – 9.30pm, running up until April 16th 2020. All welcome. Refreshments will be served each evening. Suggested donation €5 per night.
- 5. Recent Baptism:** The Christian Community welcomes with joy, Baby Charlie Scott Penman, Knockateggart and Australia, who was baptised in St. Brigid's Church Laragh on Sunday last.
- 6. Kilmore Diocesan PTAA:** plant to complete a Diocesan Pioneer Census to access numbers of pioneers in the diocese and also to seek voluntary donations to raise funds for the Pioneer Association. We are currently looking for volunteers from within each region and centre to assist with gathering this information. The next Diocesan meeting will be held in Railway Rooms, Belturbet on Thursday 23rd January at 8.30pm. Anyone interested in participating is invited to attend this meeting. For further information, please contact any Diocesan committee member of Gillian 086 8577102 or email gillian.clarke.gc@gmail.com
- 7. Collection for Famine and Aids in Africa:** amounted to €287. Many thanks for the generosity of those who contributed and thanks to those who took up the collection.
- 8. Envelopes for 2020:** There are still some packets left in the Churches, please take yours home.
- 9. Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** will take place on 10th June. Spiritual Director is Fr Yusuf Bamai, priest in Kill. A reduction is allowed on deposits paid before 1st February. For further information, please contact Marian Foy on 087 6350506.